

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 7 and 18-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 2-4, 7 and 18-20 have been indicated as being allowed.

Claims 5, 17 and 21-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to claims 21-24.

Applicants respectfully submit that with the entry of the proposed amendments, the present application will be in condition for allowance. Since the amendments raise no new issues, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

I. Preliminary Matters

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge Applicants' claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, indicate that the certified copies of the priority documents were received in the parent application and confirm receipt of the verified English translation of the provisional application filed on April 2, 2004 in the present application.

In addition, the Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate that the drawings filed on April 2, 2004 have been accepted.

II. Response to Objection to Specification

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintains the position that the amendment of "titanate" to "titanium salt" constitutes new matter. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that there is no support for "titanium salt," and that there is only support for titanium tetrachloride and titanium sulfate in the instant specification. Accordingly, the Examiner takes the position that recitation in the specification of a species, e.g., titanium tetrachloride or titanium sulfate, does not provide support for the genus, e.g., titanium salt. Finally, the Examiner asserts that a

claim of priority does not give Applicant the right to copy the correct subject matter from the foreign priority document.

Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that the amendment of "titanate" to "titanium salt" does not constitute new matter.

In the present application, both "titanium salt" and "titanate" were translated incorrectly as "titanate," and one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that "titanate" actually should be "titanium salt" in various parts of the specification. In this regard, the Examiners' attention is directed to the disclosure that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to recognize the error. Specifically, the Examiner's attention is directed to lines 5-6 at page 12, which states "When the titanate such as titanium tetrachloride or titanium sulfate." Since titanium tetrachloride and titanium sulfate are "titanium salts" and not "titanate," it is clear that lines 5-6 of page 12 should read "When the titanium salts such as titanium tetrachloride or titanium sulfate," and one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that "titanate" should be "titanium salt."

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that "titanate" actually should be "titanium salt," and that no new matter has been added.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. Response to Rejection of Claims 5 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

At pages 3-4 of the Office Action, claims 5 and 17 are rejected again under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Graham (US Patent 2,841,503) for the reasons of record.

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Without acquiescing in the merits of the rejection, and to advance prosecution, claims 5 and 17 have been canceled.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

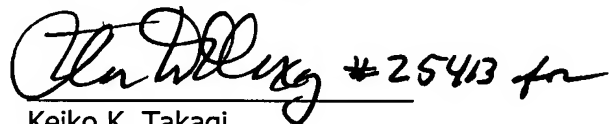
IV. Conclusion

For the above reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4, 7 and 12-16 and 18-20 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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